

Joe Engel, Former Griffman, Is Real Kentucky Colonel, He Says

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Service Floor League Opens Up For Long Series Tomorrow

JOE ENGEL IS NOW COLONEL

Slackers Must Not Stay In Game

"I have talked to a number of soldiers and sailors since arriving here, and with them have discussed the baseball outlook in the United States," writes Bill Coughlin, former Detroit manager, who is in France as a K. of C. field worker. "They all say there is no chance for the game to continue its great popularity if 'slackers' are tolerated."

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Joe Engel's a Kentucky colonel. What, "My Poy Choe" Engel, who used to bean 'em for the Griffman? Yep, the same guy, the same Mt. Pleasant Wild Cat, who traveled around with the Washington club and pitched against the St. Louis Browns every month or so.

Yep, "My Poy Choe" is now a colonel on the staff of Gov. A. C. Stanley, of Kentucky, land of Dan'l Boone and Simon Benton.

Here's a letter from Engel that tells the whole sad story:

"Dear Lou:

"Just a few lines to let you know that the Mt. Pleasant Wild Cat is still alive. I have some news for you. I was appointed December 14 a colonel of the staff of Gov. A. C. Stanley of Kentucky, and so am now a Kentucky colonel. I am in the above business and doing pretty good. Give my regards to everybody in the old town. Yours, JOE W. ENGEL."

The "above business" is indicated by the letterhead of "Bennett & Engel, motels and bogs, Hickman, Ky."

So you see that Joe W. Engel, "My Poy Choe" Engel, the Mt. Pleasant Wild Cat, is an honest-to-goodness Kentucky colonel. He says so himself, and he ought to know.

Starred at College.

In 1911 Joe Engel, son of a Washington business man known everywhere as "Pop" Engel, starred in baseball and football at Mt. St. Mary's college at Emmitsburg, Md. Though but eighteen years old and needing more weight, Engel went to Charlottesville with the Washington club in 1912. He remained with the club for two years.

"My Poy Choe," as "Pop" Engel used to speak of his son, did not shine as a big leaguer. He failed miserably because he never took baseball seriously. It was all a joke to him. He had terrific speed and a fair hook, but he spent most of his time on the bench, kidding around. Eddie Altmith, who was his "buddy," said Engel had one club he could beat, though, the St. Louis Browns. I may be wrong, but I think he never defeated any team but the Browns. Doc Ayers has taken up Engel's old wily wily over the Browns, and does very well.

Was Wild As Hawk. Joe's best stunt was starting games. Sometimes he would walk the first three or four batters, and then a couple for good measure before Griff would yank him. Joe was never introduced to Mr. Control, who hangs around most big league hurlers.

And so "My Poy Choe" drifted to Minneapolis and later to Buffalo, Cincinnati and finally to Pittsburgh, where he was given a trial. Pittsburgh beat him, 8 to 0, and Joe disappeared.

Joe turned up at Hickman, Ky., where he served to amuse and entertain "Pong" Joe Cantillon in the off-season. But Joe got busy and married a native daughter of Hickman. And there he is now, dealing in mules and bogs, hunting and fishing whenever he can get away laughing and joking and dancing along through life and finally becoming a Kentucky colonel. Here's good luck to you, Joe, you wildest of wild men the big tent ever sheltered.

JUST SOME GOSSIP FROM MAGNATES AND ATHLETES

A grand old fight is expected when the two major leagues gather for their joint session in New York January 16.

Certain American League magnates think the Cleveland club be fined for failing to keep its date with the Browns on Labor Day. They speak of the "principle of the thing."

It is not true that Clark Griffith believes Doug Neff will supplant Hank Shanks and Ray Morgan at second base. Indeed, Doug may not be out of the army in time to train with the Griffman.

Great to-do has been made over Joe Leonard, of Great Lakes, but the fellow isn't even a regular with the Washington club when he joined the navy, and now there's no place open for him.

Hughie Jennings speaks from his home in Scranton, Pa., that the Boston club asked too high a sum for Dutch Leonard. Frank Navin declined to part with his grandstand just to get a draft dodger.

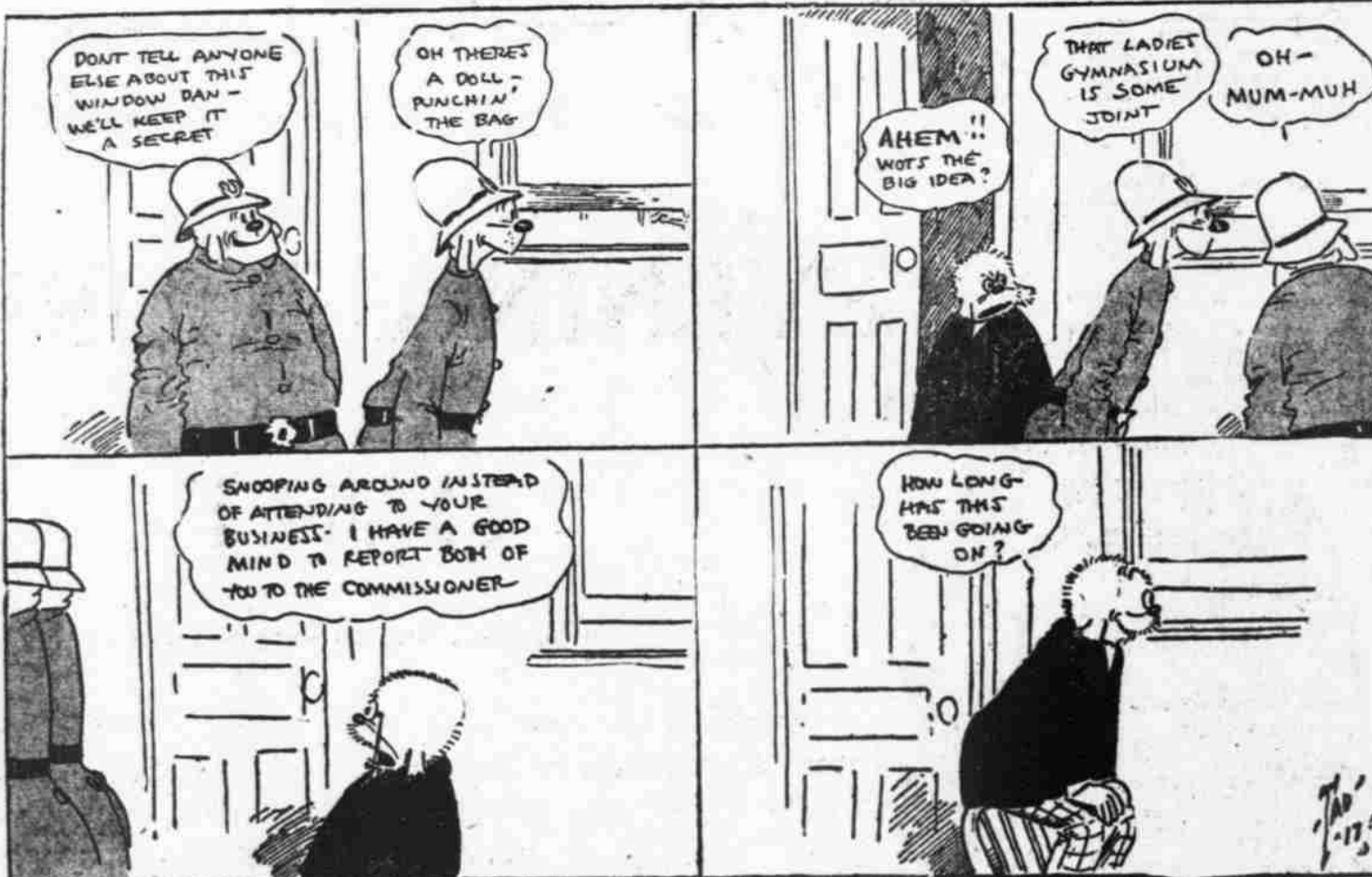
Slim Love, who pitched good and bad baseball for the Yankees last season, may be seen with some her club in 1919. Oh, well, Washington won't care, for the flagpole pitcher has never been overly effective against the Griff.

Mike McNally, who starred before the King of England last Fourth of July, is going to make a strong bid for a regular berth with the world's champions next year. Mike's a classy felder and a great baserunner. A little more weight with the stick will make him a major league star.

Ya Gotta Watch Those Cops

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By TAD



GRIFF WAITS FOR LEAGUE TO DECIDE

"I have made no decision regarding my training season for 1919," said Manager Griffith today, "but if it is decided to open the league campaign on May 1, I shall train at home. If the regular season opens earlier, I may have to go South to be sure of having my pitchers in condition."

There seems to be a misunderstanding concerning the relative costs of training at Augusta and training here.

While I would not have to spend the money for car fare to and from Augusta, it would be more costly for hotel and board here in Washington. I guess everybody knows what prices are here. Keeping my men in Washington a month would cost the club more than to take them to Augusta. "As to the weather, in the past we have played exhibition games here for the first two weeks in April and had satisfactory weather conditions. Then the season opened on the 14th. Now with the opening game on May 1, it is possible to do all the work necessary at my ball park. It all depends on what day the campaign opens. But in any case, with Mike Martin on the job, my team will be in good shape. Don't worry about that."

Manager Griffith says that, from his angle, the New York club has got all the better of the big trade with the Red Sox.

"New York will have a bear of a club," says Griffith, "with Lewis in left field and Leonard and Shore to bolster up his pitching staff. Boston gets a fine little catcher in Walters, but that big Hannah will do all the catching and Walters will never be missed. The others, Gilheoley, Love, and Caldwell, will leave no vacancies in the New York club. I look for New York to be in the pennant fight from the drop of the hat next year."

MUSTN'T USE JOE GUYON IF PITTSBURGH IS FACED

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 19.—If Georgia Tech intends playing Pittsburgh next season, as present plans allow, Joe Guyon, the Indian halfback, must not play in Pittsburgh's ultimatum to the Atlanta institution.

"It is our intention to offer Tech a game for 1919," says Graduate Manager Guyon, "but it must be distinctly understood that the 1918 season must be counted in the eligibility of players. In other words, Tech cannot play Joe Guyon. If Tech insists on using Guyon, Pitt will withdraw its offer of a game."

TEN YEARS AGO IN SPORTS

Ernest Ver Wiebe, Harvard's crack football star, was declared to be an amateur by James E. Sullivan. Ver Wiebe received a gold watch and a sum of \$50 from Harvard friends in Somerville, Mass.

Although Ver Wiebe was not a member of the A. A. U. Sullivan declared that any athlete competing against him would be barred if he accepted the money.

Sheridan, Sheppard, and other cracks signified their intention of competing here in the Georgetown indoor games.

Capt. Edwin Miller, of Georgetown, decided not to play with the Hilltoppers next season. Parental objection coupled with many injured brought the captain-elect to the decision.

The American Association and Eastern leagues presented a petition to the National Commission asking for a higher classification.

The Jolly Fat Men were heading the District League bowlers while the Navy team was ahead in the Departmental League.

George Ralph Myers was elected captain of the Naval Academy team. He played right guard for three seasons.

Jem Driscoll and Charlie Griffin were slated to meet before the Army A. A. of Boston.

SERVICE FLOOR LEAGUE TO START UP TOMORROW

Service League basketball will be tried out tomorrow night at Mt. Vernon Hall, Ninth and K streets northwest, when the Fort Myer soldier quint tackles a representative team from Quantico, Va., representing the United States Marines. The circuit will stage games twice a week on Wednesdays and Fridays during the winter.

Not since the National Guard, Corcoran Cadets and other independent organizations have played the floor has a circuit of older men played in the city. It is expected that the league will meet with success. In addition to the Fort Myer and Quantico men, Camp Humphreys, the Navy Yard and the Naval Operations teams will be seen in action during the season.

Football for the service teams proved to be unusually popular. The floor game is expected to find favor with the men in uniform, and the plan followed out is in keeping with that in the baseball games last spring and the football games last fall.

Reports from the various camps tend to show several strong aggregations. Quantico alone has the pick of twenty-six teams. At the Navy Yard James Hughes is in charge, and goes without saying that the Navy Yard team will be up to standard set by the football team.

William J. Hazel, of Camp Humphreys, says he has persuaded several service football captains and later take up the floor game, and will have a fast team ready by next week when his five opens up. The Fort Myer men have several teams from which to select players. Sergeant Ide reports unusual interest in the floor game, and expects to be counted among those in the running.

Naval Operations, which made a clean-up in baseball last summer, will have a first class team playing. Tommy Degnan is in charge of the temporary Operations team, and says he has listed not only several former Naval Academy stars, but will have some of the best players who formerly gained fame with Western colleges.

The last Service football game of the season will be staged Sunday afternoon at Quantico, when the Quantico team will play the Naval Gun Factory. After a consultation last night representatives of the teams selected John O'Reilly, of Georgetown; Bill Cusack, also of Georgetown; and H. C. Byrd, of Maryland State, as the officials.

Lieut. Jack Hegarty, former Georgetown football captain and later coach of the Carolina A. and M. team, has gotten a fast bunch together at Quantico. According to Hegarty, some of the best players in the country will be listed with the Marines. Bums Turner, coach of the Naval Gun Factory eleven, is down with the flu. His team has been working under John Dugan, and is said to be even better than on its last appearance. So far this year the Naval Gunners have been unbeaten.

According to reports the Naval Academy basketball team is in fine fettle. Billy Lusk, who succeeded Jim Cofflower last year, was left a wealth of material. Lusk started off the season last year with a bunch of veterans, and after he ran some of the fat off them produced a first rate five.

While the Navy has had little or no real opposition, the team has come through in all four of its games with something to spare. St. John's was handed a 37-to-12 defeat yesterday, giving the Navy men something more than a workout.

Ensign Harry Harris, who was captain of the championship Business High School basketball team five years ago and rated as one of the best basketball players in the country, may play for the Naval Operations team. Harris played at West Virginia after leaving high school and earlier with the Dartmouth freshmen.

Central and Western, usually represented by strong basketball teams, appear to be somewhat out of the running. Neither team has won a league game as yet, but from indications may be heard from later in the season. Tech, Business and Eastern got the jump on Central and Western while these schools were still dallying with football.

Several of Tech's athletes appear to be unusually versatile. Loebler, Armstrong, Carpenter, Winkler, and Cobb, who are playing at basketball, showed form in yesterday's track meet.

He's Regular Guy, Says Davis

He doesn't belong to the regulars. He's only a volunteer; He's a private in the army of The Red Cross over here. He looks the whole world in the eye.

Without reproach or fear; Believe me, he's a REGULAR guy. Though only a volunteer.

—By L. C. Davis, St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

GEORGE SISLER NOW MAY PLAY BASEBALL

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19.—George Sisler, the best first baseman in the business, has been mustered out of the chemical warfare division of the army at Lakewood, N. J., and is available for the Browns whenever the word comes. Sis is now in New York, but will leave soon for his home in Detroit.

The discharge of Sisler from the army means that he will be available for service with the firm of Ball Quinn & Burke when the baseball season opens next spring. His release followed upon that of Lieut. Marvin Goodwin, Aviation Corps, who will rejoin the Cardinals pitching staff when the season opens. It now appears that virtually all of the baseball players who went into the service and who remained in this country, will be mustered out ere the season assembles next March.

Of the St. Louis team, only Frank Snyder and Jack Miller, of the Cards, and Urban Shocker and Hank Severeid, of the Browns, are overseas. They are the only players about whom any concern is now felt by the fans.

LOOK FOR SLASHING BOUT WHEN BANTIES ARE SEEN

BALTIMORE, Dec. 19.—A slashing bout is expected tomorrow night at Albaugh's Theater, when Dick Loadman, of Lockport, N. Y., hooks up in a twelve-round contest with Jack Sharkey, of New York. Both boys are of the give-and-take style in the ring, never backing up and always carrying the fight to the other fellow. That is what the fight fans like.

HOLDS CONTRACT LEGAL

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Supreme Court Justice Leonard A. Gleason has ruled that the contract between John Reiser, known as John the Barber, and Jack Donney, the Utah heavyweight boxer, is legal, and the challenger of Jess Willard must perform under Reiser's management in the future.

"SILK" O'LOUGHLIN ILL

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Francis (Silk) O'Loughlin, of Rochester, N. Y., umpire in the American League, is near death from pneumonia here today. His condition was such that the last rites of the church were administered.

YANKEES GET RIO OF BOSTON STARS

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A pot of coin and four ball players for three stars, is the way Miller Huggins arranges trades, but when the fans see that in exchange for the money, Al Walters, the fifty little backstop; Ray Caldwell, the eccentric and thrifty hurler; Frank Gilheoley, the speedy and unlikely outfielder, and Slim Love, the lengthy, angular southpaw, the Yankees received Ernie Shore, one of the best speed ball pitchers in the game; Dutch Leonard, a super-stellar southpaw, and Duffy Lewis, the great clean-up swatter and star left fielder, why, that's all right. The Yanks seem to have an edge in the trade.

The one rift in the late is whether or not Shore will play ball. He has just been made an ensign in the navy, and it has been rumored that he would remain in the naval service, at least for a year. If he does, the Yanks will lose, even with Lewis working in left field and Leonard taking his turn on the hill.

From a New York point of view, Colonel Ruppert is in earnest about winning an American League pennant. He shows this by getting players, even if he has to shell out the shekels.

SALARIES MUST SUIT OR BOSTON PLAYERS BACK UP

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Duffy Lewis and Ernie Shore, who were traded to the Yankees are willing to play with the New Yorkers, but the question of salaries will have to be adjusted. Lewis claims he is a free agent, according to the baseball laws.

Shore declared today that in order to be reserved by the Red Sox he should have received a contract early this year. He heard nothing from the club, and considers himself a free agent. Lewis takes the same view. Leonard, however, is on the reserved list as he did not leave the Boston line until late in the season.

CHARLIE MURPHY WOULD FORM THIRD BIG LEAGUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Charles Webb Murphy, who became rich as the owner of the champion Cubs under Frank Chance, is planning to form a new league in the West. He would include Chicago, playing games at his West Side park, which is now without a tenant. Milwaukee, Kansas City, Indianapolis, Columbus, Louisville, Toronto, and Buffalo, Murphy remembers how the American League was started, and perhaps he figures that he might expand the circuit which he has in mind in the same way.

But Murphy's proposed league would have an independent circuit, as consent for the invasion of those cities could not be obtained from the present club owners.

CORNELL WILL RESUME SPORTS IN SECOND TERM

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Cornell will resume intercollegiate contests with the second term, beginning December 30, and maintain schedules as far as the finances of the athletic association will permit. Tentative plans announced tonight show that Cornell will organize a basketball team immediately and that track and baseball teams will be developed.

PLAY FOR TITLE

Naval Gun Factory Juniors, who maintain they are the best of the 19-pound teams in the city, will stack up against the Industrial Home School eleven Saturday at American League Park. The Navy team defeated the Trinity A. C. by 7 to 3 last Sunday.

RUNS TEN EVENTS

Tech athletes went through ten spirited events in an inter-class track meet at the school yesterday. Coach Apple sent in thirty-five athletes for a good workout. Deck, Getz, Winkler, Saunders, and Shaw performed creditably.

WILL RUN TODAY

Central will hold an interclass meet today. The Mt. Pleasant boys will have fourteen events for the youngsters.

Penny Ante Calling With One Pair. By Jean Knott



LOOKING 'EM OVER

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER

The class will now come to order. We take for the subject of our little lecture today "Sportmanship," a subject that should interest all connected with athletics. It should have the greatest interest, perhaps, among those in charge of young athletes, for we should be brought up in the way we should go, an dwether we have the real idea of sportmanship instilled into your souls depends largely upon our directors, our coaches.

Great Britain has recently given us an admirable example of the true spirit of sportmanship in connection with the defeat of Jimmy Wilde, the Welsh flyweight champion, by Pat Moore, of the American navy, in the interallied boxing tournament in London. Wilde gave away many pounds, and the sturdy little bantamweight from Memphis was awarded a decision over him in three rounds of stellar boxing.

Great was the consternation of the mob. Its idol had been defeated for the first time in his glorious career. And right there up stepped little Jim Driscoll, himself a champion in his ring days. Jim, as trainer for the British army boxers, had handled Wilde.

"In behalf of the British army team," said Driscoll, "I wish to say I am satisfied with the judges' decision."

What more need be said? Didn't Jim say it all, and say it well? As a Writer Put It.

How did the British writers take the decision? It is most enlightening to read the description of the scene in the New York Sun of last Sunday. No better way of showing the sportmanship of the British can be found than to read the following excerpt:

The third round sees Moore getting a little back, but Wilde never loses his head, and goes to the corner supremely confident, as were all of us, of a verdict in his favor. To the amazement, even to the stupefaction of the crowded house, the master of ceremonies points to Moore's corner and declares him the winner. For a second there is dead silence. Then it is loose a roar, a roar of shouting. It is incredible.

The judges are Surg. Lieut.-Com. Digby Bell, R. N.; Lieutenant-Colonel Cowie, Capt. L. R. Wain, Canada. We at the press table are told the voting was two to one against Wilde, and Colonel Campbell, the referee, had no alternative in accepting the decision.

For a long time it seems doubtful if the house will allow the competition to proceed. To all of us at the ringside it seems that Wilde won. Anyhow, it is Jim Driscoll, Wilde's second, who silences the house from the center of the ring. He declares: "In behalf of the British army team I wish to say I am satisfied with the judges' decision."

That is the end of the affair. Jimmy Wilde, beloved of the mob, has been defeated on points. Pandemonium has reigned. Wilde's handler accuses what seems to 10,000 excited men an unjust decision. The tumult ends. And the calm Britisher at the press table remarks, "There is the end to the affair."

Then consider this. Then let us consider the recent Pittsburgh-Cleveland Naval Reserve football game. Unexpectedly the Naval Reserves win, 10 to 9. Out of Pittsburgh comes wild yells, with Glenn S. Warner saying to all the sporting writers who will listen, "we were jugged, that's all; we were jugged."

What a difference between the London writer or Jim Driscoll and Glenn Warner, the Pittsburgh football coach! But Americans are usually good sportsmen, especially in our colleges. After that football middy gummer the cards by running from the sidelines and tackling Elsiebus, of Great Lakes, the Naval Academy hastened to allow the long-dwound, grieving only because no chance was offered for them to stand up and let the gobs score at will. That was sportmanship.

Then let us consider the recent Tech basketball team is ready for Gonzaga tomorrow. The Tech mid gets play Gonzaga midgets in a game between the halves of the big contest.

BILL DOAK THROUGH WITH MOUND CITY

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 18.—William L. Doak, star pitcher of the Cardinals, will not work in the Mound City next year. This announcement was made by Doak himself. It is not a matter of salary or any disagreement with the management, that caused Doak to reach the decision that he will only work in some city other than St. Louis.

He declares that his reason for wishing to get away from the Mound City is because the hot summer weather does not agree with him. He says if a deal cannot be arranged whereby he be traded or sold to some other club he will seek employment outside of baseball, in Pittsburgh.

Doak is a resident of Knoxville, and he started playing on the local hill-tops when he was a school boy. During his six years with the Cardinals Doak has proven himself one of the star hurlers of the National League.

WANT WHITE SOX TO GET WORKOUTS IN CANAL-ZONE

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Robert T. Martin, president of the Panama Canal Baseball League, has invited Owner Charles Comiskey to bring his Chicago White Sox to the zone in the spring.

Martin says that there are 30,000 American soldiers on duty at the canal and are eager to see a big league club. The United States Government built a finely appointed ball park at Balboa in 1916, spending \$25,000 on the grandstand. The Panama promoter, in his letter to Comiskey, says that the White Sox could return to this country by way of Havana, where several profitable games with the crack Cuban teams probably could be arranged.

JOE BURMAN WILL ENTER RING WITH EDDIE WIMLER

BALTIMORE, Dec. 19.—Joe Burman, one of the leading contenders for the bantamweight title, and Eddie Wimler, of Pittsburgh, another classy performer, have been matched for a twelve-round bout next week at Albaugh's Theater. Burman is getting into shape for a battle with Pete Herman, world's titleholder.

BOSTON LOSES ARENA

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The Boston Arena, capable of holding 15,000 persons, was totally demolished by fire yesterday. It is thought that a cigarette stub caused the fire.

WIN ONE AT LAST

Western finally won a basketball game. The Alexandria High School lads were defeated 37 to 7 in Western's gym. The Red and White second team was victor over Alexandria seconds by 19 to 6.

WILL HOLD REGATTA

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—The Schuylkill Navy will hold its annual regatta on July 4, and will apply for the National regatta.

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